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**Thanks**

.. To BJ Shelterbelts for trimming our school shelterbelt earlier this year at no cost to the school.

.. Those who assisted with supervision during room 9's visit to town this week.

.. To Helen Dorahy who has worked so hard preparing all the bits and pieces for our school audit - Helen doesn't stop until the job is done.

**People of the week**

.. Kendall, Rm 11, for getting into the Intermediate Rep team for Whangarei.

.. Tait, Mitchell and Hayden (previous student) for coming 8<sup>th</sup> out 102 teams at the North Island Schools Motorcross Champs. Tait also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mitchell 4<sup>th</sup> in the Novice 10-12 section.

.. Oliver for receiving "Player of the Day" for JB1 Kamo White's Rugby team. This was his first ever game of rugby too!

.. Abbey for receiving "Player of the Day" for Ruatangata Hockey.

.. our BoT candidates - successful or not.

**Orderliness Virtue**

Remember to keep us informed of great examples of orderliness so we can include these in the newsletter. We will announce some shining examples next week.

**BoT Election Results**

Alison Faithfull

Christine Sapwell

Sharon Smith

Steve Martin

Grant Shaw

Kaye Witte (staff representative)

We look forward to working with the new board and thank them for their commitment to our school.

**Working Bee (Sunday 23 - 9:00 - 12:00)**

.. now postponed to 23 May due to weather. Same time, same place.

Please remember to phone the office on Monday morning if you can help and to bring along any favourite tools.

**think... SOLD!**

think yellow,  
think...

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### Security

If willing to go on the Security Callout list please phone Steve Martin on 433 5061. Callouts are few and far between these days and so not too onerous.

### Term Contributions / Activity Fees

Those parents who opted for term payment of the above fees will have received a request for payment. If you have not received this, please check your child's bag or give the office a call. If you would like to pay by direct credit please contact Helen. **Please contact Kevin if you want to confidentially discuss alternative payment arrangements.**

Your financial support of the school is much appreciated and helps to plug the significant funding shortfall we face as a high decile school. We promise to put this money to good use and for the benefit of as many children as possible.

### Something possibly of interest

Remember to tune in to the new children's drama series 'Tangata Twitter' 7:00 PM Sunday on Maori Television. This is a New Zealand drama written by Margaret Mahy. Especially of interest to year 7 and 8 students.

### Request from Senior School

This term the senior school are making papier mache clocks. If you have spare corrugated card, newspaper or large pieces of card (sides of boxes etc) we would love to have them. Please drop off to Room 10.

### 20 Hour famine

Year 6 to 8 children interested in participating in this year's famine received sponsor booklets this week. Please continue to encourage them as they pursue sponsors. Please note that sponsor booklets must be returned to school at the end of the famine even if no sponsorship money was collected.

### Lost

Padded Jacket - grey & black with hood lost near Library (Room 1 & 3) possibly with faded name in saying "Main", If your child has taken it home by mistake please return to the office. Thank you.

### Community Notices

For Sale - Pool Table, \$450 or ONO, Queen Beed \$150, Dining table & 6 chairs \$80. Ph Jackie on 4335504.

For Sale - Quality, Dry Firewood. Ph Neroli 433 8185

For Sale - Soccer Boots, size 11 Black and Red. Good condition. Ph Lisa Verevis on 4335155.

Scripture Unio Winter/Spring Camp - Motorbiking, snowboarding, rock climbing, skiing, exploring, Yrs 7-13.

For more info please contact Heather on [campsadmin@scriptureunion.org.nz](mailto:campsadmin@scriptureunion.org.nz)

The Funky Monkey's Camping Adventure Show - Queens Birthday, Forum North, Monday 7 June, 11am-12 noon. Tickets available at Forum North Ticketek [www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz), 0800 ticketek. For more info visit

[www.thefunkymonkeys.co.nz](http://www.thefunkymonkeys.co.nz)

### Final thoughts

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Regards  
Kevin Trewhella  
PRINCIPAL

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## A Request for Help from a Senior Student...

Dear Parents/Campers,

Hi, my name is William Dorahy and it is Science Fair time in the Matarau Senior School. I want to make a solar powered light to put on each guy rope on the tent so campers don't trip over them at night.

I'm starting my market research. If you are a camper or have an answer for my questions, could you please help me?

Have you heard of solar powered lights for tent guy ropes?

Please Circle: Yes / No If yes, where have you seen them? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think this is a good idea & would you use them?

Please Circle: Yes / No Why? \_\_\_\_\_

How much would you pay to buy these solar lights? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you seen any other types of products that light up guy ropes? Please tick which of these you have seen or used and which you think would be better to use?

Reflective Tape	Seen	Used	Would Prefer
Luminous Ropes	Seen	Used	Would Prefer
Solar Light	Seen	Used	Would Prefer

Have you seen little solar lights (smaller than garden lights) or solar panels anywhere that we could adapt?

Please Circle: Yes / No If yes where? \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you very much for your help, please return your answers to the school office.